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SETTLEMENTS

Dear Sirs,

I am in favor of the Redhat proposal to have Microsoft make there settlement in the form of hardware contributions to the schools. Allowing them to supply their own software is only aiding Microsoft in entrenching themselves even farther into their monopolistic practice.

Allowing Redhat (or some other non-Microsoft vendor) to provide the operating system for the machines would be a far greater punishment for Microsoft and maybe more of a deterrent to this kind of practice in the future.

Microsoft has been before the DOJ several times in the past and always seems to come out of it with a mere slap on the wrist, only to return to monopolizing the software industry from a different angle. I don't believe any other corporation would get away with this kind of behavior. Microsoft is no different.

Thank you,

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